

Get Your Kicks on "Route 66"

Chicago to Los Angeles

\$3390 Per Person

14 Days / 13 Nights

Day 1 - Rolla, MO to Chicago, IL

We'll start on our big trip with a day of seeing BIG things. First we'll see a statue of the **world's tallest man, Robert Wadlow** and then in Collinsville, we'll see the **world largest ketchup bottle**. We'll spend tonight in [Chicago, IL](#).

Day 2 - Chicago, IL to Springfield, IL

We start our exciting tour with a photo op at the **"begin Route 66" sign**. We'll depart the city in a southwest direction to start our big adventure! We have a quick stop in Wilmington to check out the **Gemini Giant** and then we'll travel to Pontiac, IL to visit the **Route 66 Museum**. Our last stop for today will be our hotel in [Springfield, IL](#)



Day 3 - Springfield, IL to Springfield, MO

We'll visit the world class **Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum** this morning. After some more Illinois stops, we'll reach the Mississippi and the one-of-a-kind **Chain of Rocks Bridge**. After lunch, a stop for **Ted Drews Frozen Custard** will get us ready or some Historic 66 venues across Missouri. We will spend tonight in [Springfield, MO](#).



If you want to shorten the trip by 2 days, you can hop on the bus as we pass through Missouri on day 3.

Day 4 - Springfield, MO to Chandler, OK

This morning, we will travel to downtown Joplin and see some tornado history. We'll drive the short 13 miles of Route 66 in Kansas including stops at the last remaining **Marsh Arch Bridge** and **Cars on the Route** in Galena, Kansas. Afternoon will find us at the **Will Rogers Museum** and the **Catoosa Blue Whale** before we end the day near [Chandler, OK](#).

Day 5 - Chandler, OK to Amarillo, TX

This morning, we'll visit **POPS Soda Ranch**, a landmark on Route 66 with its 66 ft tall soda bottle. After lunch, you will get a special Route 66 experience at the **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum** in Clinton, OK. The museum is filled with myths, history, signage, music and more. We'll spend tonight in [Amarillo, TX](#).



Day 6 - Amarillo, TX to Santa Fe, NM

This morning, we'll visit **Cadillac Ranch** - be sure to have your spray paint ready. You'll have your one chance to graffiti a Cadi! We will also get to document our **Halfway Point of Route 66** in Adrian, TX. Did you know that there are 604 miles of the original Route 66 in New Mexico? We'll finish today in downtown [Santa Fe](#) for history, shopping, food and of course some fun.

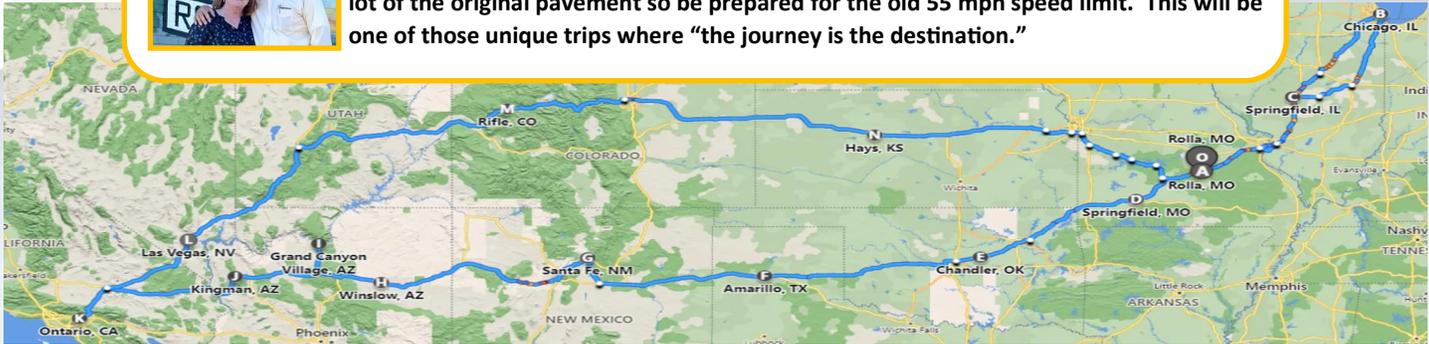
Day 7 - Santa Fe, NM to Winslow, AZ

This morning, we'll see lots of color as we drive through the **Petrified Forest National Park** and the **Painted Desert**. Next, we'll go "Hoppin' on Route 66" with a stop at the **Jack Rabbit Trading Post**. Filled with keepsakes and novelties, no one is leaving this store empty handed. Moving west, we'll go "Stand on the Corner" in [Winslow, AZ](#).

September 8 - September 21, 2022



This year's Route 66 trip will be hosted by Kent & Lindsay Bagnall. Kent has lived near Route 66 for almost 30 years and Lindsay's family owned Pecan Joes, a 60's tourist trap just west of Rolla. Kent, a Route 66 historian, will be narrating along the route as we stop and see the attractions he's visited many times before. We will be traveling on a lot of the original pavement so be prepared for the old 55 mph speed limit. This will be one of those unique trips where "the journey is the destination."



Day 8 - Winslow, AZ to Grand Canyon

We start our day at one of the most extraordinary places on earth, the **Barringer Crater** and end it at an even bigger hole in the ground as we peer over the edge of the magnificent **Grand Canyon**. Tonight, we stay in **Grand Canyon Village, AZ**.

Day 9 - Grand Canyon to Kingman, AZ

Our day starts at the **Grand Canyon IMAX Theater** to learn more about Grand Canyon. We'll have beautiful views from **Mather Point** on the south rim. There's not time to hike to the bottom but you can hike along the rim and take lots of pictures. After lunch, our sites will turn to the **Arizona Route 66 Museum (Powerhouse)** and our hotel in **Kingman, AZ**.



Day 10 - Kingman, AZ to Ontario, CA

Mountain passes and the **Mojave Desert** are on today's agenda. Keep your eyes open for the wild burros as we drive through the Sitgreaves Pass on our way to the **abandoned gold mining town** of Oatman, AZ. We'll cross the **San Andres Fault** and go through the Cajon Pass into the San Bernardino Valley and our hotel near **Ontario, CA**.

Day 11 - Santa Monica Pier to Las Vegas, NV

This morning, we will arrive at the **Santa Monica Pier** and document the end of Historic Route 66. We'll take lots of photos at the "**End of Route 66**" Marker. This afternoon, we'll head to **Las Vegas** for a night on the town.

If you want to shorten the trip by 2 days, you can fly home from Las Vegas on Day 12.



Day 12 - Las Vegas, NV to Rifle, CO

This morning we visit **St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site** at Johnson Farm, you'll enter a 200 million-year-old ecosystem that was once home to dinosaurs, fish, plants, and more. Besides the actual fossils, you won't want to miss the five life-sized models of prehistoric animals.

Day 13 - Rifle, CO to Hays, KS

Instead of crossing the continental divide, the **Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel** will take us under the Continental divide. It's the highest vehicular tunnel in the world, the longest mountain tunnel and the highest point on the Interstate Highway System.

Day 14 - Hays, KS to Home

There's no place like home, but before we get there we'll stop at the **Oz Museum**, a tribute to all things "Wizard of OZ." You'll arrive home with a lot of nostalgic memories.